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PHOENIX Ravens provide security in southern Asia

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
Air Force Print News

Back at Yokota Air Base, with their minds on their normal day-to-day jobs, one pair of airmen can relax after spending a couple of weeks thinking only about force protection in a country whose people didn't seem too anxious to welcome Americans.

Travelling with the crew of a Yokota 36th Airlift Squadron C-130, this PHOENIX Raven team provided force protection for Air Force assets while the crew and a nine-person medical team were in South Asia supporting President Clinton's visit.

While the aircrew and medical team finished their mission at the airport and headed to their hotel, Master Sgt. Terry Bethea and Senior Airman Aaron Marley, from Yokota's 374th Security Forces Squadron, stood watch over the aircraft and equipment near their allies for the evening — armed Pakistani guards.

Taskings for Raven teams are given out by the threat working group at Air Mobility Command, who owns the Raven program. When an operation like this PHOENIX Banner mission supporting the president's trip is created, the group looks at security at each of the areas where the Air Force will have resources and determines whether additional security is required. In the case of this trip, there were two previously identified Raven-required locations, but, at each stop the Raven team and the aircraft commander assessed the current security to determine whether the team should stay with the aircraft while it is on the ground.

Unlike other additional duties, a security forces see RAVEN page 3

Blossom business ...



photos by 1st Lt. John Sheets

A crowd enjoys the activities at the annual Cherry Blossom Festival last weekend. More than 500 people came out for the festivities which included bands, clowns and an Ugly Dog Contest. See page 6 for more photos.

BIG BUCKS!

AFAF drive makes 214 percent of goal

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Team Yokota blew past their goal recently raising more than \$69,000 for the Air Force Assistance Fund to wrap up this year's campaign.

"Our goal was \$32,165. We demolished it," said 1st Lt. Scott Latimer, wing project officer. "We got about 214 percent of our goal."

"People really amazed me with their generosity," he said. "Among those who contributed was a staff sergeant who donated \$480, an airman who gave \$500 and a captain who gave \$1,200. That's just astounding! Perhaps some of the people who gave have benefited from the AFAF and that convinced them to donate such amazing amounts. But, the majority of people have never benefited and may never benefit at all but are still willing to participate. That's really touching."

The campaign, which started Feb. 28, supports four charities: the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund, the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc., and The

General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. Last year the Yokota community alone received nearly \$250,000 in grants and loans from the Air Force Aid Society and affiliated educational assistance programs.

"If the AFAF hasn't touched someone in your unit with assistance, it's only a matter of time," said Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander.

Forty-seven unit project officers and countless volunteers helped contact each member of the base for the campaign.

"Every Monday the project officers dropped off their unit's donations," said Latimer. "Every week I expected to get significantly less than what was produced. They exceeded my expectations every single week."

The theme of this year's drive was educating the base on what the AFAF does. Months before the campaign kicked off Latimer met with the unit project officers and asked them not to focus on the money, but on promoting a better understanding of what the AFAF is all about.

"At the end of the campaign we had one project officer who brought in about 600 percent of his target," he said. "I asked him how he did six times what we expected. He told me he just sat down with each person and told them what the AFAF did. Once people realized it was a good cause they were more willing to participate."

Commitment to caring

Total funds Yokota personnel have donated to the Air Force Assistance Fund's 2000 fundraising drive. Thanks to all who donated!



Independent graphic by Senior Airman Matt Miller
Source: 1st Lt. Scott Latimer, wing AFAF project officer

Primary care optimization

By Capt. Dustin Glasscock
374th Medical Group

The Air Force is currently taking the lead in re-focusing on preventive medicine and optimizing healthcare for the Air Force family. Here, the 374th Medical Group's goal is to ensure quality healthcare by increasing both efficiency and effectiveness of the care provided. Primary care optimization is key to this goal.

As the military healthcare system evolved over the years, increased emphasis was placed on disease treatment and less on preventive care. Little effort was directed toward keeping people healthy.

"We used a lot of resources managing diseases that could have been avoided with a little prevention. The process was to treat sick patients who were able to access the system. That was the old way of doing business," said Lt. Col. Timothy Jex, 374th Medical Group deputy commander.

Now, the Family Practice Clinic will have four Primary Care Management teams assigned to active-duty members and their spouses, DOD civilians and retirees. There will also be two PCM's in the Pediatric Clinic designated for the care of children under the age of 18.

Primary Care Management teams will be the source of healthcare here. PCM teams will consist of a provider, a nurse, two medical technicians and a health services manager. Their task will be to provide disease management and preventive care services.

"Teams will become familiar with individuals and their medical history while sharing in the experience of taking care of sponsors and their families," Jex said.

Part of the PCM benefit will be the ability to discuss concerns with a medical staff member over the phone before coming to the clinic. The concept is to establish the patient-provider relationships of a small town doctor and his or her staff.

Additionally, a flight medicine PCM team will see flyers and their families. Beginning May 31, the first two teams will activate in the Family Practice Clinic. The remaining five teams will come on-line by 2001.

For more information, contact Maj. Wilhelma Badger at 225-5098 or Capt. Daniel Lee 225-8302.

A sixpack to go...



photo by 1st Lt. John Sheets

C-130s—four, five and six—from the 36th Airlift Squadron line up on Yokota's ramp March 30 for a six-ship formation flight. The formation, which looks like a game of follow-the-leader, provides training currency for aircrews.

Fuels: all gassed up

By Technical Sergeant Bruce Hill
374th Supply Squadron

The Fuels Management Flight got full service treatment from Pacific Air Forces recently as they captured 66 percent of the base-level fuels management awards.

"Since my arrival last summer I've witnessed nothing less than total professionalism and commitment to excellence from all of the personnel assigned to the fuels flight," said Maj. Mark Johnson, commander of the 374th Supply Squadron. "The award winners simply represented the flight as a part of a team effort. I am very pleased with their accomplishments and look forward to leading them in future endeavors."

Capt. Robert C. LoMurro, Fuels Management Flight commander, won the PACAF Fuels Officer of the Year. LoMurro guided his flight to excellence by providing the clear vision and total commitment needed to garner the Raymond H. Gross Trophy, which recog-

nizes the best fuels operation in PACAF. Some of his other accomplishments include the flight's recognition as the Best Facility during the Base Appearance Competition; organizing and leading Yokota's first ever Supply/Fuels Readiness Competition team to success at Davis Monthan Air Force Base this year.

The Superintendent of Fuels Operations, **Master Sgt. Alexander Navarro** garnered the PACAF Fuels Superintendent of the Year. Navarro managed the flight's Dedicated Crew Chief Program designed to keep a fleet of 25 mobile refueling vehicles valued at more than \$2.6 million in mint condition, making the flight a highly attractive showcase for distinguished visitors touring Yokota Air Base.

Additionally, he was the fuels captain on the Supply/Fuels Readiness team. Navarro has also won the Air Force Image Award for promoting a positive image of Latin-Americans in the military.

Airman 1st Class Luther B.

Holsonback, fuels mobility support operator brought home the Junior Fuels Technician of the Year. Holsonback, a mainstay to the Fuels Mobility Support Equipment element, maintained and operated more than 200 War Readiness Materiel assets valued at more than \$5.8 million. He ensured an impressive 98.6 percent in-commission rate. He was also a key member of the Supply/Fuels Readiness team.

Masahiro Usui, fuels mobile distribution foreman, reaped the PACAF Fuels Civilian Supervisor/Leader of the Year for exercising exceptional management skills and directing a team of seven Japanese Nationals. Under his guidance, they safely serviced more than 7 million gallons of jet fuel to 2,177 assigned and transient aircraft here.

These individuals will represent Team Yokota and PACAF at Air Force level. Their goal is to validate them as the 1999 Air Force Outstanding Fuels Personnel of the Year.

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RAVEN

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photo by Staff Sgt. Cindy York

Master Sgt. Terry Bethea, left, and Senior Airman Aaron Marley, both of the 374th Security Forces Squadron, clear their weapons after standing watch for nearly 48 hours in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

member cannot be tasked with the job of a Raven. Each of the nearly 450 Air Force Ravens had to volunteer for the job. Once someone shows an interest to become part of the team, there is a lengthy process to get accepted.

First, each applicant must pass the Army PT test with at least a 70 percent in each category. Then, a complete records review is accomplished by the commander. Not only is the commander making sure the applicant has a clean slate, but also to make sure they have the right type of attitude to be able to do the job.

According to Bethea, the senior of the five Ravens at Yokota, the most important characteristic for a Raven is his temperament. “If someone crosses into the circle of safety and the Raven automatically breaks out his baton, the other person is going to jump to the defensive.”

That’s where the Raven training course comes in. In two weeks at Fort Dix, N.J., students are taught how to follow a force continuum, from verbal communication to deadly force. Of course, Bethea said, the goal is to use minimal force when dealing with potential aggressors. For this, Ravens are taught the art of “verbal judo.”

Verbal judo is using the other person’s weakness against them. By talking with that person, the Raven figures out their weakness and capitalizes on it.

“When I’m talking to someone, I’m thinking to myself, ‘OK, you can say what you want, but you are going to do

what I say,’” Bethea said. “It’s quite possible to go through a very volatile area with no problems at all.”

Both Bethea and Marley were excited to join the mission to South Asia, and Marley, who was on his second Raven mission, had been looking forward to this last stop the whole trip.

“We were there to give the aircraft and crew the same amount of security it would get back at Yokota,” Marley said. “But, since there was more of a threat there (Pakistan), it felt like we were really doing our job.”

One particular watch was short — only 18 hours. A stop earlier in the week in Dhaka, Bangladesh, had the two on duty for more than 40 hours. With only a team of two, sleep, when it comes, is scarce. Being able to trust one another is huge for the team. When one goes to lie down for a little while, the other has to be ready.

Sometimes a little bit of fear could be the driving force for a Raven, according to Bethea. “To be a little fearful is good. If you’re scared, it shows concern, whether for the aircraft, yourself or your partner.”

Capt. Ed Knetig, 36th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron mission representative, said the Raven team is a very important part of this mission.

“Knowing the aircraft is safe with the Ravens lets the crew relax and get the rest we need to fly the next mission. It’s been great having them with us.”

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News in short

Air Force developing Mission Support Prioritization Plan

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force is developing a plan to manage a shortage of mission support and non-rated operations officers.

"We are 'experience short' in most of our mission support Air Force specialty codes, particularly in the grade of captain and major," said Col. Wayne Newman, chief, mission support officer assignment division.

"Additionally, 68 percent of mission support lieutenant colonels are eligible for retirement — this has the potential to further drain our experience levels," he said.

The Air Force has already recognized these shortages and initiated several programs to address them. One is a continuation program that allows twice deferred captains to stay to 20 years and deferred majors to stay to 24 years.

Additionally, the Air Force has increased officer training school accessions.

"The Air Force has gained valuable insight from implementing the rated prioritization plans," Gamble said. "We are using this experience to shape a Mission Support Prioritization Plan. Once senior leaders have approved the concept, we will go forward to the air staff and major commands to design and execute the plan." (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

PALACE Compass program changes Web site address

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFPN) — Civilian employees serviced by the Air Force Personnel Center now have easier access to the PALACE Compass Home Page Web site with a recent URL address change. The change also affects the URL address for the employee benefits information system Web application.

The center's Civilian Personnel Directorate provides full benefits and entitlement servicing to all Air Force bases except for Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Kelly AFB, Texas; Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Hill AFB, Utah; Tinker AFB, Okla.; McClellan AFB, Calif.; Robins AFB, Ga.; the Pentagon and Pacific Air Forces. Limited benefits and entitlements services are provided to U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases.

The schedule for transitioning the remaining bases for limited benefits and entitlements servicing can be found on the PALACE Compass Web site. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Cohen calls for supplemental passage of budget by April 17

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — "You have to pay the people, and you have to pay the light bill," said Warren Hall, assistant deputy comptroller for programs and budget. "One payment you can defer — but it's not a great idea — is you don't have to perform training."

That will be the training situation if Congress doesn't pass the \$2 billion fiscal 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Bill before it goes on Easter recess April 17. The bill funds Kosovo operations for fiscal 2000, and the Army is the service needing the supplemental most.

In a letter to congressional leaders, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said if bill passage is not assured, the Army would have to start canceling movements to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and other readiness-related training exercises.

The supplemental also covers the increase in the cost of fuel. Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said about \$1.56 billion will go to cover higher fuel costs in fiscal 1999, 2000 and 2001.

"The reason for this is the way the Defense Logistics Agency 'sells' oil to military users is at a fixed price for a year," Bacon told reporters March 28. This allows the services to plan their costs for the year.

The supplemental would also cover some shortages in defense healthcare programs, especially in prescription drugs, DOD officials said. It also puts some money into base housing. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Fallin' in line...



U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin Gruenwald

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, performs precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force high performance aircraft to people throughout the world. The squadron exhibits the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support these aircraft. The Thunderbirds squadron is an Air Combat Command unit composed of eight pilots (including six demonstration pilots), four support officers, three civilians and more than 130 enlisted personnel performing in 25 career fields. A Thunderbirds air demonstration is a mix of formation flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the solo aircraft highlight the maximum capabilities of the F-16.

AF leaders chart info ops

By Senior Airman A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Recognizing the importance of information superiority, Air Force leaders from a variety of functional areas met recently to chart the course of Air Force information operations.

"Our goal was to review how (the Air Force) organizes, trains, equips and sustains information operations and to provide guidance and direction for improving (AF IO)," said Lt. Gen. Marvin Esmond, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

The Air Force views information operations as actions taken to gain, exploit, defend, or attack information and information systems, in order to achieve information superiority — one of the six Air Force core competencies.

The Air Force has become increasingly dependent on information networks and information systems, and in the future will become even more dependent on a secure, timely, and accurate flow of information, according to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan.

A key enabler for expeditionary operations is the ability to leave a large number of combat support people at home base, linking them to engaged commanders through Air Force information systems, Ryan said. Moving information rather than people and equipment reduces airlift requirements and limits the exposure of U.S. forces to terrorism and chemical and biological attack.

Deploying information versus people introduces other vulnerabilities, which is why the Air Force emphasizes defensive aspects of IO, such as information assurance and operations security.

"It's all about information," according to Lt. Gen. William J. Donahue, director of communications and information at the air staff, and commander, Air Force Com-

munications and Information Center here. "The need to provide warfighters the information they need — information they can trust — is a key component of the expeditionary aerospace force concept. How effective we will be in the future is derived from our ability to rapidly collect, process, analyze, disseminate, retrieve, and protect information while denying these capabilities to our adversaries."

Currently, Esmond said, the Air Force's efforts may not be as well integrated as they should be, which may result in duplication of effort and inefficiency. Creating an integrated Air Force approach to information operations is the goal of the Air Force IO steering group.

"The steering group conducted a survey of current Air Force information operations to determine what each key player brings to the fight and how they relate," said Capt. Aras Suziedelis, chief, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Information Operations Force Development and Utilization. "This will help commanders know what options are available to them to better accomplish their mission."

To do this, representatives from many functional areas were invited to participate, he said. "This was the first time (Air Force) Office of Special Investigations, weather, space, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, legal, communications and information, public affairs, Reserve, Guard and other key area representatives met at this level to develop a plan to integrate all of their individual information operations efforts. We didn't want to exclude any significant information operations stakeholders."

According to Suziedelis, the representatives also discussed the legal issues — domestic, international and intelligence oversight laws — that affect the planning and execution of information operations.

CMSAF speaks on retention, recruiting

By Staff Sgt. Stuart Camp
Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

Air Force leaders continue to wrestle with enlisted retention rates and how those numbers drive recruiting efforts.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch pointed out these two issues have a larger effect on the enlisted corps, with their ripples increasing promotion rates and putting more people into recruiting offices.

“The real issue is do we have enough people to do what needs to be done for the Air Force,” he said March 25, after he spoke to the Wright-Patterson Airman Leadership School class.

“It is a true statement we were under our end strength last year, but we’ve been under end strength for a number of years,” Finch said. “Our retention wasn’t as good as we wanted it to be, or projected it to be.”

The desired manning, Finch explained, looks for a little more than half the people to stay past their first term, about three-quarters to stay in past their second term, and virtually everybody to stay in after that. According to statistics from January and February, the Air Force reported first- and second-term reenlistment rates at 52 percent and 70 percent, respectively. These are higher than 1999 numbers for the same months, but still below the Air Force’s goal of 55 and 75 percent, respectively.

“The bigger issue is how do you keep the people to get the job done,” the 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force said. “When you don’t have enough people, you further stress the existing force to do the mission. We’ve got to find a way to balance that out.”

Air Force officials are taking measures to combat lower-than-historical retention rates, according to Finch.

“We’re actually working to increase the number of NCOs we have in the Air Force over the next few years,” Finch said. “We’re going to shift the percentage of NCOs in the Air Force — raise it to about 56 percent, (up from 48 percent last year). We’re going to (increase) the number of mid-level NCOs, and as we do that, promotion rates will increase.”

The chief explained that to sustain the enlisted corps for the long-term, given the retention projections and other factors, re-

quires promotion rates be 16 percent to staff sergeant, 11 percent to technical sergeant, 19 percent to master sergeant, 6 percent to senior master sergeant and 13 percent to chief.

“It takes us seven and a half years to grow a staff sergeant — that’s excessively long compared to other services,” Finch said. “The army promotes to E-5 in about 4.2 years. We have retention rates higher than the other services, so it slows promotion down. That 56 percent will drive down the average pin-on time for promotion to staff sergeant to about six years.”

Not meeting the retention goals at the Air Force level causes the end-strength shortages and increases recruiting demands.

The 338th Recruiting Squadron, headquartered at Wright-Patterson, shares the recruiting burden with 28 other squadrons across the nation. The 338th RCS has just 46 recruiters covering more than 51,250 square miles of territory spread across Ohio, West Virginia and northern Kentucky.

Monthly recruiting goals are around 90 people a month, according to Lt. Col. Roger Foley, 338th RCS commander. His squadron hasn’t met all its goals.

“We’ve been outmanned 13 to 1 by other services in the local area,” Foley said. One Air Force recruiter is covering the same area as, typically, six from the Army, four or five Navy recruiters and a few Marines.”

Air Force senior leaders are addressing the strains on local recruiters by managing the overall manning situation.

“When you have low end strength you have to recruit extra people to offset the losses in retention,” Finch said. “Although we recruited more people in 1999 than in 1998, we still fell 1,700 people short. When retention’s down, we have to raise the bar — up to 35,000 (non-prior service) people — in 2000. Unfortunately, it does not look like we’re on the right track to get all the people we’d like to recruit this year.”

Air Force officials are putting more recruiters on the street, Finch said. The chief is asking supervisors and commanders to encourage their best and brightest people to become recruiters.

“I think a lot of people will step up and do the job that they’re asked to do,” Finch said.

O-3s earn promotions

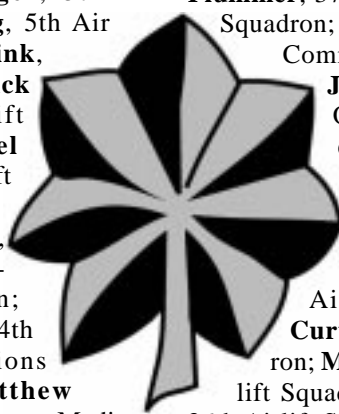
The following Yokota members were recently selected to pin on the rank of major:

Douglas Ballinger, 5th Air Force; **Aaron Leong**, 5th Air Force; **Frederick Link**, 5th Air Force; **Patrick Heflin**, 374th Airlift Wing; **Michael Manney**, 374th Airlift Wing.

Michael Garcia, 374th Medical Operations Squadron; **Dwayne Wilhite**, 374th Medical Operations Squadron; **Matthew McGuire**, 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Vira Em**, 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Christopher Blum**, 374th Medical Support Squadron; **Marcel Gustin**, 374th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Lawrence Fields, 374th Operations Support Squadron; **John Plummer**, 374th Operations Support Squadron; **David Johnson**, 374th Communications Squadron; **John Durnford**, 374th Operations Group; **Andrew McIntyre**, 374th Operations Group; **Jeffery Stone**, 374th Operations Group.

Thomas Adams, 30th Airlift Squadron; **Jared Curtis**, 36th Airlift Squadron; **Mark Czelusta**, 36th Airlift Squadron; **Edmund Knetig**, 36th Airlift Squadron; **Byron Nolan**, 36th Airlift Squadron; **John Hartsell**, Air Force Legal Service Agency; and **Scott Burnside**, AFELM Personnel Exchange Program.



E-3s selected for BTZ

The following Yokota members were selected for Senior Airman Below-the-Zone for the April - June 2000 quarter:

Kenneth Bangay, 374th Communications Squadron; **Aisha Fogle**, 374th Dental Squadron; **Kim Fortune**, Air Force News Agency; **Luther Holsonback**, 374th Supply Squadron.

Debra Hoskins, 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Jarrold Miller**, 374th Communications Squadron; **Sherry Riba**, 374th Maintenance Squadron; **Michele Shean**, AFELM Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and **Corry Slade**, 630th Air Mobility Support Squadron.

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Commander's viewpoint

Yokota's culture: How do you view it?

By Col. Mark Zamzow

374th Airlift Wing commander

Do any of the following get your blood boiling?

- Garbage strewn beside dumpsters.
- Unauthorized pets kept in tower quarters.
- Graffiti on bus stop shelters and benches.
- Parking in unauthorized areas at the post office or under the towers.
- Noise pollution from car stereos.
- Litter tossed from cars or pedestrians.
- Parents not enforcing curfew hours for their kids.

Unfortunately, I'm sure you could cite other examples of the "ugly side" of Yokota too.

As a proud military member and resident of Yokota, I get extremely disappointed when I see the consequences or results of "poor citizenship" within our fine community. I can't understand why a small minority of people just can't care enough to help our community instead of hurt it. Well, it's time to direct the base culture in a more positive direction.

Certainly, the vast majority of our base populace are "good neighbors" in every sense, and they have the high moral, ethical and community values that are the foundation of good citizenship. They are the folks who pick up a piece of litter rather than walk by it, who help a neighbor carry groceries into the house, and aren't afraid to speak to the neighborhood kids when they're being too rambunctious. They are the people who keep their quarters clean and presentable, who entice and motivate other folks to become involved and be good neighbors, and who

recognize that living on base is a privilege, not a right!

Can we get that small minority who fail to live up to those community standards back on the "right side of the fence?" Absolutely! All we need to do is more actively demonstrate and voice those good community ethics, values and morals that are the foundation of a strong base culture.

Here are some reliable, interactive programs that will help us draw those "conveniently anonymous" occupants out of their caves and into the "good" culture of Yokota.

Senior Occupant Program.

It's time to re-energize the senior occupant program throughout all our housing areas. From my experience, this is the most successful method for developing community cohesiveness. Every floor in every tower and every group of two or three garden complexes will have a designated senior occupant and an assistant senior occupant. They will be the two most senior personnel by date of rank (from any service) within that grouping. Their role is obvious: to get out and say hello to the families in their grouping, to facilitate establishment of a better neighborhood environment, and to resolve problems should they arise. It's amazing what a little person-to-person interaction will do to improve the overall morale and community participation.

Town hall meetings

We can't however, expect the senior occupants to be the only communication link with Yokota residents. So, three times a year I'll host town hall meetings. They'll take place in each of the major living areas (east, south/north and west) and will be designed to improve communication of issues or programs that affect base housing

and the Yokota community. The first one, will be held April 25 and 26 at the Yujo Community Center and will target unaccompanied residents. The first 20-30 minutes of the meeting will be for appropriate wing agencies to briefly highlight activities that affect the community, and then it will open up to questions on any topic.

Active citizens

Courtesy is extremely contagious. The more often we greet someone, pick up a piece of trash, hold the door open, or yield the right of way while driving, the better everyone feels. Simple enough, and enjoyable too! Smile more often, do that good deed daily, have that neighborhood block party, and see what happens to your neighbors, your friends, and the folks you encounter on base. Yep, they'll start doing it more too. And those fine actions and values will help the base culture flourish even more.

Helping the "good" Yokota base culture grow to encompass a greater portion of our population really isn't that hard. I ask for your help in making our base culture better. We can eliminate the "ugly" side!

Missing piece of the puzzle

By Chief Master Sgt.

Jeffrey Fannin

374th Medical Group

I often read articles about how to be successful and happy in life. Attributes like team spirit, caring for people and dedication are often mentioned as key ingredients. While these are all true, it seemed in my life there was something else missing. It wasn't until I believed in God, and started living life the way the Bible says, that I found the missing piece in my life.

The Bible is an amazing book; I discovered as I read it that it was more than just a collection of neat sayings and proverbs. It offered me help through troubled times and provided right-on answers to many of life's problems. Looking back, I can see where I decided to follow my own leading, and ignore what the

Bible says. The result; problem mania and often the stress level increased. When I "wisened" up and heeded the Bible's advice, things usually improved remarkably, and I felt real peace.

Here's some of the advice I've followed in the Bible that has made a real, long lasting difference in my life:

- Forgive others when they offend me.
- Strive to follow Biblical wisdom in my daily life; not just on Sundays.
- Discipline my mind, soul and body to resist those things that may lead to problems in my personal or work life.
- Be willing to say I'm sorry, and ask forgiveness when I offend someone.
- When I have an issue with someone, going straight to the person

and working it out. In many cases, issues were resolved without elevating them.

— Not to go to bed mad at someone; instead striving to talk it out as soon as possible.

— Pray for people I have conflicts/disagreements with. This may sound very strange, but it often helped reconcile differences I had with someone, and paved the way for improved working relationships.

I found many more pearls of wisdom in the Bible, but these are just a sample of what it offered to smooth out the bumps in my life. The trick along life's road was in deciding whether to follow the Bible's leading, or my own. In the cases where I chose the Bible's guidance, things most always worked out best.

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander.

Use the Action Line if you have questions or comments about Yokota, which couldn't be resolved by your chain of command. When you call, leave your name and phone number so you can be reached if more information is needed. Your identity won't be released to the public. Subjects affecting the base population will be published in the Fuji Flyer.



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Refuse burning

Q. I live in the East Side housing area along the fence line. There is a gentleman who lives next to the base fence who burns material throughout the year.

The smoke from what he burns is usually not irritating, but every so often he burns wood and some other material that produces a distinctly colored smoke that irritates the eyes and sinuses.

From what I have seen he is producing some type of wood or furniture. It appears that when he burns the wood from this process it has some type of chemical additive that emits a more irritating smoke.

Last year, the housing office coordinated an investigation with the local police. The individual was confronted and the burning stopped until recently. He has resumed burning and emitting that irritating smoke.

A. The health and well being of Yokota residents is very important to me. Because the burning falls outside the fence line and the jurisdiction of base personnel, it must be handled through the Defense Facilities Administration Office. The DFAO is the local liaison between the base and the local community.

According to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Bureau of Waste Management, it is legal to burn green waste—grass, clippings and leaves—but it is illegal to conduct open burning of industrial or commercial items. This type of burning must be done in an approved incinerator.

Thanks to the DFAO, Musashi-Murayama city officials contacted the gentleman, requested he stop burning industrial items and even offered to dispose of them if needed.

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Cherry Blossom Festival

Yokota opens gate to Japanese community



Above, Junior ROTC cadets from Yokota High School walk the festival route before the gate opens. At right, the Yokota Minyo Club plays Japanese folk music for festival goers. Below left, Capt. Stephen Thompson, U.S. Forces Japan, shows his puppy, Abby, to Sayoko Ichikawa, community relations chief, and Airman 1st Class Kim Fortune, Eagle 810's "Angel of the Airwaves," who emceed the Ugly Dog Contest. However, Miss Fitt and her owner, Tech. Sgt. Angela Senzig, 30th Airlift Squadron, (below middle) capture top honors in the Ugly Dog Contest. Bottom far right, cool weather kept the cherry blossoms from reaching full bloom for the festival.



photos by 1st Lt. John Sheets

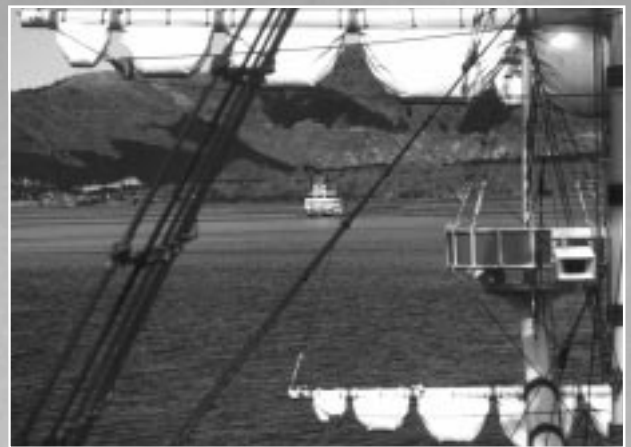
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HAKONE



Mount Fuji's snow-capped peak rises above the waters of Lake Ashi. On top, another cruise ship comes into view through the mast of another 17th century windjammer replica. Competing cruise lines traverse the waters daily. Left, another 17th century replica ship readies for sail.

**Story and photos by Senior Master
Sgt. Gordon Van Vleet**
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Sometimes getting away from the fast-paced city life isn't as hard as it may seem. Just a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Yokota is the resort area of Hakone. Situated in Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, Hakone presents many attractions for people who want to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and relax.

The area offers numerous hot springs,

shrines, museums and gardens. Getting to some of these attractions is an adventure all by itself. Driving the winding mountainous roads can be a challenge to the driver, but offers some very scenic views to the passengers. Don't forget the camera.

Centered in the heart of the national park is Lake Ashi, a crater lake formed by volcanic activity more than 4,000 years ago.

The lake is six kilometers in length and has 20 kilometers of shoreline. Measur-

ing 40 meters at its deepest, the spring-fed lake is home to numerous waterfowl and fish.

Tourist cruise ships traverse the lake on a regular schedule stopping at several lake shore villages where – if you feel adventurous – you can get off, shop, tour and sightsee until the next boat arrives.

On a clear day, from the southern end of Lake Ashi's pristine waters, you can get a view of Mount Fuji's snow-capped majestic summit as it rises above the mountains that run along the north shore of the

lake.

Paralleling the western side of the lake is Ashinoko Skyline Toll Road. This winding, mountain toll-road has many pullouts offering panoramic views of Sagami-wan Bay to the southeast and Mount Fuji to the northwest.

Taking this adventurous trip is not as hard as it seems. Just stop by the Yujo Community Center and ask for a map. Also, if you want comfort while you travel, plan ahead and reserve a van from 374th Services Division's vehicle operations section.

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Movie schedule

Today – *Next Friday*, R, 6:30 p.m.;
The Ninth Gate, R, 9 p.m.
Saturday – *Play It To The Bone*, R,
6:30 p.m.; *The Ninth Gate*, R, 9 p.m.
Sunday – *Music of the Heart*, PG-
13, 2 p.m.; *The Ninth Gate*, R, 7 p.m.
Monday – *Next Friday*, R, 7 p.m.
Tuesday – *Next Friday*, R, 7 p.m.
Wednesday – *Play It To The Bone*,
R, 7 p.m.
Thursday – *Play It To The Bone*, R,
7 p.m.
Next Friday – *Hurricane*, R, 6:30
p.m.; *Final Destination*, R, 9:30 p.m.

YTV (Channel 18)

Welcome to Yokota – Mondays at 8
a.m.
Culture Connection – Monday
through Saturday at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.,
topic is religion.
Air Force News – Monday through
Saturday at 3 p.m.
Eye on Services – Monday through
Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Fitness Month and
Month of the Military Child featured.

Comedy

The officers’ club is featuring the
comedy of Zen from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
tonight in the Sumo Lounge

Autograph signing

WNBA Phoenix Mercury stars Jen-
nifer Gillom and Michele Timms will be
signing autographs at the main exchange
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. There
will be a spectator event and a youth
basketball clinic at 3:30 p.m. followed
by adult 3-on-3 and teen 2-ball compe-
tition at 5:30 p.m.

Antique and shrine sale

There will be a Japanese shrine sale
and antique fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday at the Yujo Community Cen-
ter. The sale is similar to a flea market
in the U.S. and offers both antiques and
unique Japanese items.

Library Week

National Library Week begins Sun-
day and runs through April 15. The base
library will have a display of its many
resources for patrons to view. The library
offers meeting rooms, study areas and
an audio visual room in addition to
books, CDs, videos, magazines and elec-
tronic resources.

Above & Beyond

Who: Staff Sgt. Guy Modgling
Reason: He was recently selected as PACAF’s NCO Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year. As chief flight instructor for the 36th Airlift Squadron, Modgling identified low power on two engines preventing an inflight situation. While supporting Joint Task Force Full Accounting he correctly identified a temperature datum malfunction and assisted in its replacement. He was selected from six eligible instructors as Lockheed/Martin’s courseware instructor. He was also the facilities coordinator for the Kanto Plains Special Olympics.

YOSC Bazaar

The Yokota Officers’ Spouses’ Club is
sponsoring the Spring Asian Bazaar in Han-
gar 15 April 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and
April 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
All patrons under the Status of Forces
Agreement are entitled and welcome to shop.
Money from the bazaar will be used to spon-
sor various charities around the base.

Troy State registration

Troy State University registration will
start Monday and run through April 21.
Courses offered include marketing man-
agement, politics of international market-
ing, ethics in public administration and
comparative public administration. For
more information, call Maria Sheets at 225-
2496.

DRMO sale

Defense Reutilization Marketing Office
Sagami will have its next sealed bid sale
Thursday. Inspection is from 8:30 a.m. to
3:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. For
more information, call 268-4508.

Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is Sunday
through April 15. Team Yokota will honor

its more than 1,500 volunteers at an ap-
preciation and recognition ceremony and
luncheon April 25 at the officers’ club.
This event is by reservation only. For
more information, call 225-8725.

Outdoor recreation

The following trips are being offered:
Saturday – Ocean fishing;
Wednesday – Day hike to Mt. Mitake;
April 15 – Mountain bike day trip;
April 19 – Ocean fishing;
April 22 – River rafting and hotspots
trip to Tone River;
April 26 – Mountain bike trip;
April 29 – Trout fishing.
For more information, call 225-4552.

Strawberry picking

The Boys and Girls Club of Yokota is
offering a special family tour to Aburatsubo
aquarium and strawberry picking from 7
a.m. to 8 p.m. April 16. Cost is \$5. For more
information, call 225-7422.

April Fools

Did you notice something different
about last week’s edition of the *Fuji Flyer*?
It was printed backwards, on purpose, as
an April Fools joke.

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HELP WANTED

Housekeeper — Needed in Tachikawa, references required. 042-535-7810. (2)

Vendor — Part time, working days but must be able to work flexible hours. 227-8627. (2)

Housekeeper — To clean, do laundry/ironing, errands, must have three references, honesty and dependability, SOFA status and love animals. 227-4292. (2)

Furniture repairman — To tighten joints on dining room chairs. 227-4292. (2)

Air condition installation — Willing to pay experienced person to install two air conditioners in a garden home upstairs. 227-4426. (2)

Computer representative — For Yokota’s Power Zone, flexible hours, good compensation, representing major brand computers and accessories. 0989-36-5155.(3)

Someone to mow lawn — Garden home on north side, responsible, beginning April 1, pay negotiable. 227-2823.(3)

Sales associate — New Wave Waterbeds, part time/full time, available immediately, flexible hours, weekends a must, stop by and fill out application. 225-6379.(3)

Vendor — Part time, work days, must be flexible. 227-8627 leave message. (3)

PETS

Ferrets — One male, neutered, and one female, spayed, large and small cages, two pet carriers, three litter boxes and feeder, \$500. 227-2627. (2)

Maltese Terrier — Male, wonderful pet, house trained, child is allergic to him. 227-2787. (2)

Russian cat — Female, blue. 227-4394. (2)

Chipmunk — Needs good home, not for younger children, cage included, \$15. 227-9638. (3)

Cat — Yellow and white striped, neutered with necessary shots, friendly, good with children. 227-3991 or 227-4213. (3)

WANTED

Appraisal - Coca-cola item. 227-2051. (1)

Porch overhang - For garden house, good condition, reasonably priced. 227-3847. (1)

Temporary home — Looking for someone to care for two loving cats from June 15 to 31, will provide food and reimbursement. 227-8718. (2)

Fence — 25-foot fence for backyard. 227-9187. (2)

Rocker/recliner — Glider or rocking chair. 227-3985. (2)

Van — 1988 or newer, in good condition, automatic with A/C. 227-2472. (2)

Legos — Or other building toys for young kids, also want new or used Marvel comic books. 227-3438. (3)

Toyota or Nissan — Automatic, A/C. 227-2472.(3)

LOST

JVC camcorder — Black, last seen March 17 at the west side park south of the elementary school. 227-5020. (2)

Wilson baseball glove — Lost on Snyder Field March 7, very old and of sentimental value, reward offered. 227-2729. (2)

FOUND

Video camera — Found at Snyder Field in small black Samsonite bag. 227-9161. (1)

SALES

Yard sale — 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, 4612-D

Fuji Classifieds

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FOR SALE

Pease Ave., east side of base, multi-family sale, computer, printer, toys, clothes, lawn mower, two cars, CDs, TV and more. 227-2472. (2)

Tag sale — Dining table, crystal, twin bed, Nordic-track, clothes and books, begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at 4808A Smith Lane, east side of base. 227-3343. (3)

Sofa — With sleeper, \$200. 227-8551. (1)

Computer desk — \$35. 227-8045. (1)

Competition bicycle — Hoffman Sugar Baby 20,” one year old, wheel pegs, spare tires included, outstanding condition, \$300. 227-6336. (1)

Air conditioner — Slim type window A/C, 5,000 BTU, \$70. 090-1466-1045. (1)

Home theatre receiver - Home Integra, 100 watts per channel, built-in A/C-3 decoder, 12 surround modes, \$700 OBO. 227-3103. (1)

Off-base telephone line — Available now, \$400. 2275-2361. (1)

Computer desk — Small wood with sliding keyboard tray and shelf, excellent for spare room/dorm, \$25. 227-4424. (1)

Swing set — With slide, rocker, gym bar, etc., \$60. 227-2472. (2)

Entertainment center — Black, excellent condition, \$40, oak secretary desk, \$40, Epson Stylus color 800 printer, \$150. 227-2787. (2)

Computer — Gateway, Pentium 1, 90 mhz, Epson black and white printer. 042-535-7810. (2)

Little Tykes gym — Multi-colored, crawl tube and slide. 227-3733. (2)

Homeschooling material — Fifth grade curriculum, math for first grade, Alpha Omega workbooks, never used. 227-8476. (2)

Laptop computer — Gateway, Intel Pentium, 166 MHz, 56 MB RAM, 2 gig hard drive, accessories and carry case included, \$1,000. 227-3827. (2)

Infant crib sets — Two separate, three piece, white eyelit, handmade yellow, white gingham, matching curtain, two throw pillows, both like new, \$50 each, OBO. 227-4124. (2)

Television — Sanyo 19”, color, with remote control, \$100 OBO. 227-5093. (2)

Air conditioner — Four, 18,000 BTU, \$250, 18,000 BTU, \$200, 14,000 BTU, \$125, 13,500 BTU, \$125. 227-2356. (2)

Computer monitor — 19”, 26 dot pitch, max resolution, 1600x1200, one month old, \$270; natural gas heater, for off-base housing, \$120; Delonghi radiator heater, \$50. 227-3958. (2)

Air conditioner — Three years old, 8,000 BTU, \$100. 227-9032. (2)

Air conditioner — Kenmore, 60 hertz, 115 volts, brand new, \$270. 227-4641. (2)

Wood crib — Oak, with mattress and all the trimmings, \$100. 277-9658. (3)

A/Cs — Three, \$75 each; two infant car seats, \$25 each; baby bouncer, \$10. 227-7890. (3)

A/Cs — Two 12,000 BTU, good condition, \$30 each; awning for east side garden, free with your removal. 225-3437. (3)

A/Cs — Perfect for 3BR garden, cools nicely, 8,000 BTU, \$150; 16,000 BTU, \$50; 5,000 BTU, \$100,

5,000 BTU, \$75; 8,000 BTU, \$100. 227-8263. (3)

Phone line — Available March 16, \$400. 0425-50-0412. (3)

Bedroom set — Knotted pine, ship’s captain design, \$250. 227-9502. (3)

Waterbed — Queen size, \$225; baby crib with mattress, \$125; glass table and four chairs, \$100; bicycle maintenance stand, \$25; truing stand, \$40. 227-4475. (3)

Microwave — White Goldstar, with rotating plate, excellent condition, \$50. 227-3985.(3)

Printer — HP Deskjet 694C, \$70; Moulinex meat grinder with slicer and juice attachment, \$35; pasta maker, \$35; rice cooker, five cup, \$15; buffet range, electric, \$30; Brither sewing machine, \$90. 227-3550.(3)

TV — Pioneer 40” projection, \$500; Intel Pentium 166 mmx, 64mb RAM, 14” monitor, 56K modem, perfect internet computer, \$450; toddler race car bed, with Elmo bedding, \$100. 227-8221.(3)

Bike — Children’s 12”, red, big MX-style seat, \$12. 227-4031.(3)

Crib tent — Like new, fits all standard cribs, prevents children from climbing out, keeps pets out, \$60 OBO. 227-9737.(3)

Computer speakers — Labtec LCS-1020 amplified 9 watt, \$10; KLH 100 watt powered subwoofer, new in box, \$125. 227-3620.(3)

Golf club — Taylor Made System 2 midsized 9.5 degree driver, graphite, regular MRH, used once, \$100; Salton “Pasta Del Giorno” deluxe pasta maker, \$75. 227-3620. (3)

Grill — Gas, \$20; lawnmower, \$30; second lawnmower, \$10; set of four-lug rims, \$40; fish tank, everything but fish, \$40; outdoor table and chairs, \$10. 227-8263. (3)

Sewing machine — Singer Touch & SewII delux zig zag, \$175; electric floor heater, small, good for bath room, \$15; Korean mirror chest, \$100; Sony CD single disk player, \$25; OBO on all items. 556-4429. (3)

Treadmill — Weslo incline, one year old, digital speedometer, calories, time and distance, \$250 OBO. 227-3734. (3)

Wedding gown — White satin, hand made, sequence, never worn, \$700 OBO. 227-8963. (3)

AUTOMOBILE

1989 Toyota — Corolla II with canvas top, white, 2-door hatchback, seats fold down in back, automatic, A/C, 38,000 km, recent base inspection, new brakes, steering boot and tire, needs JCI, \$950. 042-531-5306. (1)

1991 Toyota — Lite Ace van, front and rear heat, A/C, P/S, P/L, P/W, recent new tires, skylight sunroofs, AM/FM CD, \$3,500 negotiable. 227-2168. (1)

1988 Ford — Spectron, bronze, bench seats, automatic, A/C, great condition, JCI until March 2001, \$1,200 OBO. 227-8779. (1)

1985 Toyota — Townace van, automatic, front and back air, reliable, JCI until July 2001, \$1,600. 227-9023. (1)

1984 Toyota — Lite Ace van, gray, automatic, good condition, JCI until Sept., \$1,400 OBO. 225-3437. (1)

1993 Toyota — Sprinter, 4-door, automatic, A/C, cassette, 18,000 miles, excellent condition. 227-2472. (2)

1985 Toyota — Townace van, automatic, front and back A/C, JCI July 2001, \$1,800. 227-9023. (2)

1987 Toyota — Sprinter, gray, 4-door, AM/FM/cass, A/C, excellent condition, JCI until Nov., \$1,400 OBO. 227-4526. (2)

1983 Nissan — Gray, automatic, JCI until July, good condition, \$400 OBO. 227-8476. (2)

1993 Nissan — Primera, maroon, 4-door, JCI May 2002, automatic, power windows, locks and mirrors, AM/FM/cass, \$2,300 OBO. 227-2057. (2)

1988 Ford — Spectron, bronze, bench seats, automatic, A/C, great condition, JCI March 2001, \$1,200 OBO. 227-8779. (2)

1993 Toyota — Corolla, 4-door, automatic, A/C, new JCI March 2002, \$2,500 OBO. 227-9176. (2)

1988 Honda — Prelude, automatic, A/C, JCI Jan. 2001, \$1,200 OBO. 227-9176. (2)

1992 Toyota — Mark II, power everything, JCI until Sept. 2001, reliable and clean, one dent, \$1,500. 227-2640. (2)

1987 Toyota — Sprinter, gray, 4-door, AM/FM/cass, good condition, JCI until Nov., \$1,400 OBO. 227-4526. (2)

1991 Isuzu — Gemini, dark blue, JCI until Dec. 2001, A/C, P/S, 4-door, 5-speed, available after April 4, \$700 OBO. 227-5567. (3)

1992 Daihatsu — Mira, black, JCI until Jan. 2002, automatic, A/C, 5-door, dependable minicar, available after April 10, \$1,000 OBO. 227-5567. (3)

1990 Mitsubishi — Chariot station wagon, excellent condition, JCI until April 2001, \$1,800. 227-2051. (3)

1994 Pontiac — Grand AM SE, 4-door, fully loaded, only 41K, clean and reliable, \$6,150 OBO. 225-8856. (3)

1992 Nissan — Sunny, air, automatic, power windows, door locks and mirrors, AM/FM/cass, excellent condition, JCI until June 2001, \$2,200. 227-8708. (3)

1989 Toyota — Trueno sport super charger, black and gold, 5-speed, JCI until Nov. 2001, mechanically sound, new clutch, tires, brakes, A/C, battery, CD stereo, all belts, oil change, C-boots, no write-ups on last inspection, \$3,000 firm. 227-2779. (3)

1989 Toyota — Mark II, JCI until Jan. 2002, AM/FM/cass, new tires and breaks, good A/C and heater, \$2,000 OBO. 227-3013. (3)

1991 Mitsubishi — Diamante, charcoal grey, tinted windows, 4-door, cruise control, tilt wheel, A/C, power everything, JCI until Nov. 2001, very nice, \$3,000 OBO. 227-2352. (3)

1991 Nissan — Laurel, champaign color, JCI legal working kit installed, front and rear spoilers, AM/FM/cass, power windows, locks, tilt wheel, A/C, automatic, excellent condition, new JCI, \$2,300 OBO. 227-2352. (3)

1990 BMW — 525i, 62,000 miles, black, Euro specs, full power, \$8,000 OBO. 227-6262. (3)

1989 BMW — 535i, 35,000 miles, black, Euro specs, full power, \$7,000 OBO. 227-6262. (3)

1986 Toyota — Lite Ace van, runs good, JCI until July 2001, \$600 OBO. 227-8582. (3)

1989 Toyota — Crown family sedan, great car, power everything, 4-wheel disc brakes, dual A/C, cooler box, \$800. 227-2606 or 0903-207-3800. (3)

1990 Toyota — Chaser and 1990 Nissan Bluebird, with CD player, both 4-door sedans, look and run good, JCI until July 2001, \$500 each. 227-9032. (3)

1995 Nissan — Sunny, 4-door, automatic, A/C, AM/FM/cass, power windows, locks, mirrors, very clean, only 21,000 miles. 227-2472. (3)

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Friendly competition

**Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Alan Williams**
Chief of Internal Information

Saturday at Snyder Field during a day of fun, more than 70 people from the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force, 402nd Tactical Airlift Squadron from Iruma Air Base came to Yokota to take part in some international relations.

The 36th Airlift Squadron played two friendly games of softball with the 402 TAS.

Saturday was all about having fun and sharing a pastime that both nations enjoy immeasurably.

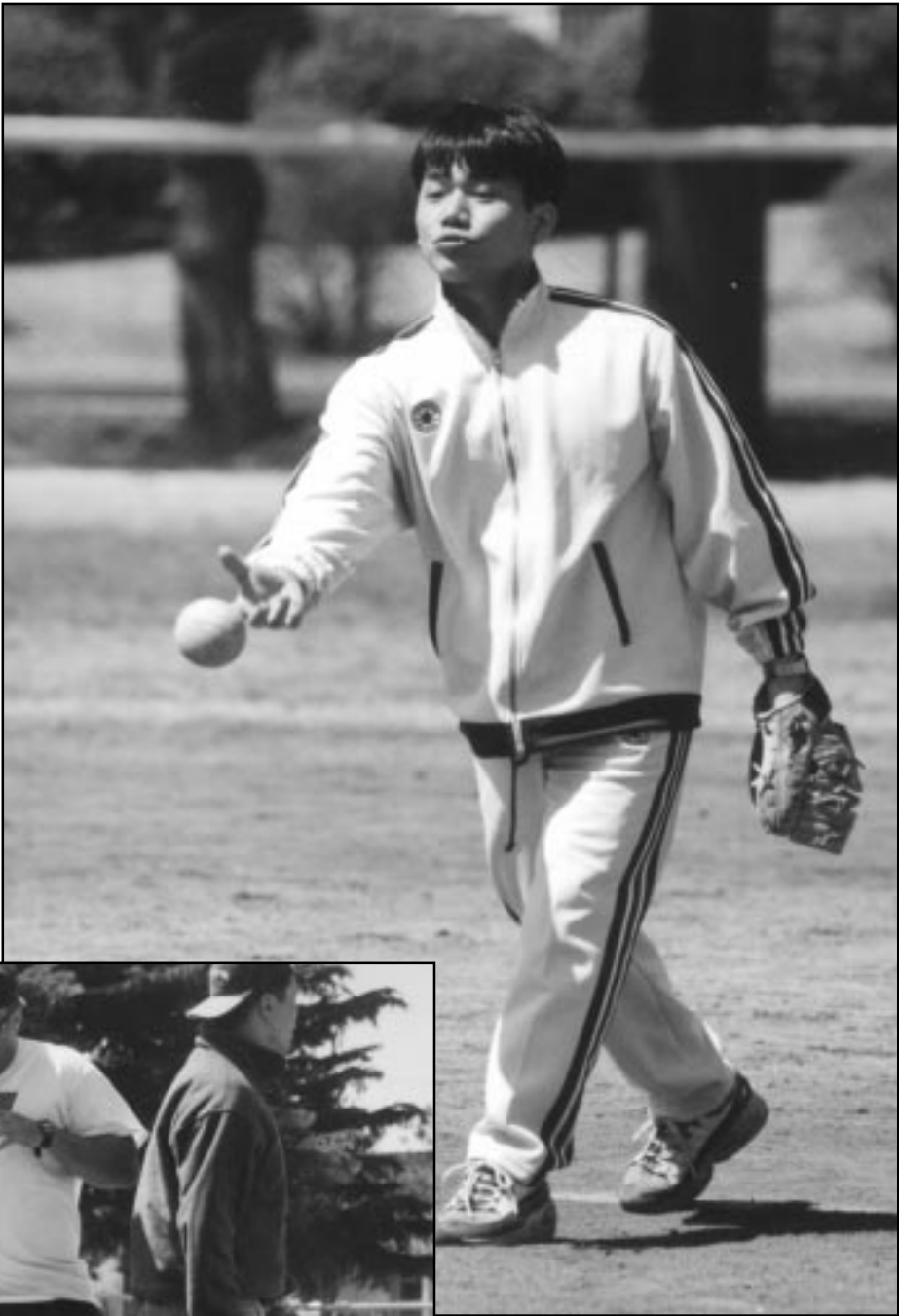
“I thought it was great. It was a good chance to interact with our sister squadron at Iruma,” said Capt. Chris Lachance, first baseman and C-130 pilot for the 36 AS. “We had a really good time.”

Originally, there was one game scheduled. That game ended with a 22 – 7 score in the 36 AS favor.

But after that tornado of a game, due to the windy weather, both teams decided to play again.

In the second game, the 402 TAS team pulled out all the stops and held the 36 AS down and even let some of their wives play in the last inning, gaining the 402 TAS their final 3 runs to end the game 10 – 7 402 TAS.

The day’s activities included a barbecue.



Above: JASDF 1st Lt. Yoshinari Eshima, a C-1 navigator in the 402 TAS serves up watermelon during the second game Saturday at Snyder Field.
Left: U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Linwood Wells, 36 AS catcher and C-130 co-pilot blasts past JASDF Tech. Sgt. Hediaki “F.E. Hama” Hamaguchi, coach, catcher and flight engineer for the 402 TAS waits for the throw home.

ON THE BENCH *April 7*

YHS baseball

The Yokota Panthers boys baseball team pulled off a stunning, late inning victory over Kanto Plain rival, the Kinnick Red Devils, in the night cap of a double header Saturday at Yokota Field.

Panther’s pitcher Ricky Cabral, caught the Red Devil’s catcher sleeping and stole home to gain an 10 - 9 win, their first of the year. They lost the first game 8 - 4.

The Panthers stand at 1 - 4 on the season. Their next game is against Iwakuni Saturday at Yokota Field.

Girls soccer

Despite heavy winds, the Yokota Panthers girls soccer team put on a good show against the Kinnick Red Devils Saturday at Bonk Field.

Using the wind, the Red Devils opened up a 3 - 0 first half lead. This early lead didn’t deter the lady Panthers though. They were able to use the wind for their own gain in the second half by scoring two goals before ultimately falling 2 - 4.

The Lady Panthers stand at 1-1-1 on the season. The next scheduled game for the Lady Panthers is April 22 at the American School in Japan.

Boys soccer

The Yokota Panthers boys soccer team struggled against their opponent the Kinnick Red Devils Saturday at Bonk Field.

Although Kinnick proved to be more aggressive the Panthers didn’t give up after being down 2-0. They managed to pull within one late in the half, but in the end the Red Devils prevailed 2-1. The next game for the Panthers is April 22 at the American School in Japan.

International Marathon

The 4th East Japan International Friendship Marathon will be held May 14 at Sagami General Depot in Sagami hara. Entries are free to all SOFA sponsored personnel and due by 10 Apr. For information, call Leah Boss at 268-4236 or Thelda Thielman at 268-4134.

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